

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:121
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MODERNISATION OF RARE EARTH UNITS
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

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- (a) the number of Indian Rare Earth Units in the country;
- (b) whether the Government has a proposal to modernise some of these Rare Earth Units;
- (c) if so, the details thereof; and
- (d) the funds earmarked therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE (SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Indian Rare Earths Ltd has Four Units, one each at (1) Rare Earths Division, Aluva, Kerala; (2) Chavara, Kerala; (3) Manavalakurichi, Tamil Nadu; and (4) Orissa Sands Complex (OSCOM), Orissa

(b) Yes, Sir.

(c) The Company has undertaken to modernize and expand the production capacities of their units in 2 phases as under :

Sr. No.	Unit	Present Capacity (tons per annum)	Capacity after Expansion Phase-I (tons per annum)	Capacity after ExpansionPhase-II (tons per annum)
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1. Manavalakurichi	90,000		1,50,000	2,50,000
2. Chavara	1,54,000	2,00,000	2,75,000	
3. OSCOM (Phase-I)	2,20,000	2,50,000	5,00,000	
4. RED, Aluva	28\$	36\$		

\$Rare Earth(RE) products

(d) The funds earmarked for various expansion and modernization projects are as under :-

(Rupees in Crores)

Sr. No.	Unit	Expansion Phase-I Projects in X Plan	Modernization Phase-II Projects in XI Plan	Expansion Phase-I Projects in X Plan	Modernization Phase-II Projects in XI Plan
1. Manavalakurichi	56.50	16.16	65.00	25.00	
2. Chavara	47.08	41.89#	80.00	35.00	
3. OSCOM	48.00	10.95	100.00	35.00	
4. RED, Aluva	11.53	6.49		25.00	

#Includes cost of land for mining